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SENATE PRESIDENT ALARIO NAMED 2016 LEGISGATOR OF THE YEAR

HONORED FOR COMMITMENT TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PUBLIC SERVICE

Senate President John A. Alario, Jr. is the 2016 LegisGator of the Year. The Chamber Southwest Louisiana (SWLA) honored the Westwego lawmaker at the group's 11th Annual LegisGator Awards Luncheon in Lake Charles. The luncheon recognizes legislators who have supported business development initiatives in the legislature. Sen. Alario received the top honor.

Mike Michot, a former state senator from the Lafayette area and now with The Picard Group, a governmental relations and consulting firm, presented President Alario with the award noting the veteran legislator's commitment to public service and ability to get things done for the people of Louisiana.

"John's wisdom and historical knowledge have been invaluable in bringing all sides together to solve problems. He has been the rudder to keep the ship on course amid very rough waters especially where it relates to the state budget. He is in a class by himself as the undisputed most valuable player on the Louisiana political stage," Michot said.

Senator Alario is currently serving his second term as president of the Louisiana Senate. He previously served two terms as speaker in the Louisiana House of Representatives.

"I am humbled by this recognition from the business community and community leaders in southwest Louisiana," President Alario said. "I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues in the legislature to support economic development and education efforts in the region."

The mission of the Chamber SWLA is to develop Southwest Louisiana by creating economic opportunity and demanding responsible government and quality education. The Chamber, which serves Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron and Jefferson Davis parishes, has over 1,500 members.



Pictured: 2016 Chamber Chair John Pohorelsky, President Alario, 2016 Governmental Affairs Chair Bart Yakupzach and Mike Michot of The Picard Group.

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